**RIO GRANDE RETURN**

**YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS CREW MEMBER APPLICATION**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Rio Grande Return Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a summer employment program that engages young people in meaningful work experiences while developing an ethic of environmental stewardship and civic responsibility. YCC crew members working with Rio Grande Return can expect to work on a variety of projects primarily throughout the Jemez mountains, including planting native riparian vegetation, harvesting native seed, building and mending fences, constructing in-stream structures to support stream resilience, conducting forest thinning, and supporting US Forest Service and/or National Park Service biologists in conducting habitat monitoring.

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

* Be at least 14 years of age at the start of enrollment and must not reach age 26 before completion of the program
* Be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States, its territories, or its possessions
* Provide or be able to obtain a work permit as required under the laws of the applicant’s home state
* Provide a valid U.S. Social Security number or have applied for a valid Social Security number
* Be able to fulfill the essential functions of the assigned work with or without a reasonable accommodation
* Be actively committed and willing to complete the assigned work project

# PROGRAM BENEFITS

Rio Grande Return YCC crew members will gain skills relevant to careers in forestry, land management, restoration, conservation, and more. The YCC provides members with a variety of opportunities for hands-on experience with restoration and conservation projects as well as trainings such as S212 chainsaw training, Forest Workers Safety training, leadership training, and career skills building. Additionally, the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Commission offers a $1,500 educational tuition voucher OR a $500 cash compensation to YCC corps members who have worked on a YCC project for 12 months (48 weeks) within a 48 month period (4 years).  The YCC Commission may offer a prorated amount based on a minimum of 32 weeks worked.

# HOW TO APPLY

Please fill out this application as thoroughly and legibly as possible. Mail the completed application to the Rio Grande Return Youth Conservation Corps Program at the address below or email to alan@riograndereturn.com

Rio Grande Return

1704B Llano St., #347

Santa Fe, NM 87505

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**This application must be filled out completely to determine the applicant’s eligibility and availability. Incomplete applications will be rejected.** Complete applications include responses to all questions, parent/guardian contact information and certification signatures. An optional resume may also be submitted with the application but is not required.

Name:

First: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female  Prefer not to disclose

Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

Street:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: Phone 2:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way and time to contact you?

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| --- | --- |
| Emergency **Contact Information 1**  | **Emergency Contact Information 2**  |

*If under 18, provide parent/guardian contact information:*

First Name

Last Name

First Name

Last Name

Relationship to

Applicant

Relationship to

Applicant

Phone 1

Phone 1

Phone 2

Phone 2

Email

Email

How did you learn about the YCC program? (Select all that apply)

* Website
* Past/Current YCC
* Poster/Flyer/Job Advertisement
* National Park Service or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service,
* Other

**OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Are you unable to perform work that could be physically strenuous and in adverse weather conditions such as rain or heat?  Yes  No
2. Will you require accommodations to perform work that may be assigned to you?  Yes  No

If you answer yes to either question #1 and #2, tell us what types of work you are unable to perform and/or describe the types of accommodations you may need to work in the outdoors or otherwise.

**Tell us why you want to join the YCC**.

You are encouraged to use the space below to complete the following essay question or attach a new page for your entire response.

**In 200 words or less, please explain why you want to serve as a YCC Crew Member.**

## CERTIFY YOUR APPLICATION

I am familiar with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program and am interested in working to develop and maintain the natural and cultural resources of the United States.

I certify that I understand the work and environmental conditions that might exist while serving as a YCC member. I understand that I may be exposed to physical work, insects, poison oak and ivy, adverse weather, and outdoor working conditions up to eight hours a day during service.

I certify that I meet all YCC program eligibility requirements. I am a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or its territories or its possessions. I have or am applying for a valid U.S. Social Security number. I will be at least 14 years of age by the beginning of enrollment and will not reach age 26 before completion of the program. And finally, if selected, I will obtain a work permit, if required.

I certify that all information I have provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that incorrect statements constitute grounds for immediate dismissal. With my signature, I certify that I give my permission for this form to be reviewed by any YCC official.

 Applicant Name Applicant Signature Date

**For applicants under the age of 18:**

By signing this document, I, the parent/legal guardian of the above applicant, acknowledge that I have discussed the YCC program with the applicant. I give permission for the applicant to apply for and participate in, the YCC program, if chosen.

 Parent/Legal Guardian Name Signature Date

### References

Please list two references not related to you, with full name, phone number, and relationship

Reference #1 Reference #2

First Name: First Name:

Last Name: Last Name:

Phone Number: Phone Number:

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Please use this page to include any other information you would like us to consider:

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